

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri State Representative Rory Ellinger was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and dedicated his career to strengthening and safeguarding the rights of all Missourians as a civil rights activist, lawyer and public servant;

WHEREAS, Representative Ellinger was active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and continued to work throughout his life to break down the barriers of social and racial injustice;

WHEREAS, Representative Ellinger served four terms on the University City School Board, where he helped expand opportunities for students and improve cooperation between the city and the school district;

WHEREAS, Representative Ellinger went on to represent the citizens of the 86th District of the Missouri House of Representatives and never wavered from his commitment from ensuring all Missourians have the opportunity to live up to their God-given potential; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ellinger received the Martin Luther King Spirit Award from the School District of University City and the Legal Distinction Award from the ACLU of Eastern Missouri in recognition of his efforts on behalf of Missouri families.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

REPRESENTATIVE RORY ELLINGER

and for his service for the State of Missouri, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be immediately lowered to half-staff at all government buildings statewide in Cole County and St. Louis County until the date of his interment, from sunrise to sunset. I further order the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri to be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide on the day of his internment, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 9th day of April, 2014.

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Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State